



## Visiting artists Dick Tuinder and Maarten de Reus on display at the Oranjestad Kunsthuis until Friday

Internationally known Dutch artists Dick Tuinder and Maarten de Reus have been in Aruba working with the students of the Ateliers' 89 in Oranjestad for the past month. Both artists are well known in Europe and the United States, having participated in expositions and art competitions around the world, and Aruba is honored to have them work with the island's fledgling artists.

Dick Tuinder is both author and artist, and founder of Silent Woods productions. Maarten de Reus counts amongst his long list of credentials being a founding member of the Office for Cultural Intelligence (OCI) / exhibition OCI at the Sterrenwacht, Rotterdam. Their vast bodies of work can be viewed at <http://www.dicktuinder.com> and <http://www.xs4all.nl/~mder/BT-Home/CV/CV.html>.

A small sampling of their unique and often succinct view of human foibles can be seen beginning this evening at the Oranjestad Kunsthuis opposite Fort Zoutman. The Kunsthuis will have the official opening of works Dick Tuinder has created while in Aruba, and his commentary on the life and art community that embodies for only three short days, through Friday evening. Oranjestad Kunsthuis curator Gilbert Senchi is thrilled to be able to present this work to the public and urges them to come and view Dick's very perceptive observances of life, and the frustrations that Aruban artists often confront in having their work viewed and appreciated.

Maarten de Reus has created a video that chronicles his creation of a very unique sculpture for a landfill park in Holland. The entire project is a commentary on a rather humorous incident and hoax that had captured the attention and excitement of the Dutch populace for some time. He reconstructs the events and motivation behind his beautiful sculpture that is now a part of the park, with his elegant designs as drawings on the gallery walls.

These two artists will also be showing the final works they created and mentored with the students of the Ateliers '89 on Thursday evening, starting at 8:00 PM. Titled "The End, *the beginning...*" Dick and Maarten expressed that they were "very impressed and inspired" by the work being done by the young creative artists of Aruba, and felt it was an exposition that should not be missed.

The rare opportunity to see the work of these noted artists will end on Friday evening, and this evening viewers and meet and discuss their works with them at the Oranjestad Kunsthuis.